

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☐ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☒ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE: 12/11/2020**

**DOCKET #: 2019-726**

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr.  
Address: 22364 Level Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420  
Office/Position: St. Tammany Recreation District / District 11  
Dates of Service: 2014-2019  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 12

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2016  
Report ID: PFD18011889  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2017  
NOD Received: 10/13/2017 - Signed by: Coleen Davis  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 10/24/2017  
PFD/Answer Filed: 10/3/2018

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 344  
Total days late from initial due date: 506  
Late Fee Order Received: 10/1/2018  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 10/22/2018  
Waiver Request Received: 10/4/2018  
Board Result: 8/16/2019  
Reconsideration Request Due Date: 8/6/2020  
Reconsideration Request Received: 7/28/2020

COMMENTS: Jonathan O. Davis is requesting a Reconsideration of the suspended portion of his 2016 Waiver Request. Mr. Davis stated he has served on the St. Tammany Recreation District 11 for the past 10 years and has filed an annual disclosure each year. He was involved with the park when it was a completely volunteer operation, run by the Abita Recreation Committee. At that time public funds were not used, with the exceptions of the use of Town of Abita Springs property. Since joining, the board has purchased land, cleared, paid wetland credits and built a state of the art gym that his community uses for many purposes. Mr. Davis stated he has never collected a paycheck, received any compensation, other than being thanked for serving his fellow citizens in Recreation District 11. His wife will be retiring in 2021 from the Tammany School Board after 20 years of service; And he has worked for Bisso Towboat Company since 1978. He has raised 4 successful sons, whom have all played ball at the park. His eldest son, Jonathan Jr. is a teacher in Phoenix, Adam is a Lawyer New Orleans; son Geoffrey is a Master of Offshore Supply Vessel and youngest, Dylan is a Mate on harbor tugs on the Mississippi River. Mr. Davis feels blessed to live in and contribute to a great community like Abita Springs and "is offended" to have his "integrity questioned for not completing a form". Regarding his fine, Mr. Davis also stated that "reducing it by less than 1/3 for a crime that didn't occur is offensive". Mr. Davis thought he completed all of the Ethics annual filing requirements when he completed his Annual Ethics Online Training. However, after review "wrongly" assumed that the training covered completing the Annual PFD Statements. He asks the Ethics Board to please reconsider his fine as he is a volunteer and has never received compensation for his community service on the board.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes. 2018 -\$1500
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: Yes-2016 Suspended

### Portion of \$450

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No

- Prior Late Fees: No

July 27, 2020

La. Board of Ethics  
PO Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Re: Suspending a portion of fine levied for failure to submit 2016 Financial Disclosure Statement

Dear Ms. Tracy Barker,

Please accept this letter as a request for an appeal of the finding by the Ethics Board meeting at its August 2019 meeting charging that I failed to complete Tier 2 Disclosure Statement for 2016.

I would first like to start with an explanation describing my service on the St. Tammany Recreation District 11 ever since June 24, 2010. I agreed to voluntarily serve on the board when a board member moved out of the district. Since joining the board in 2010, Rec Dist. 11 has purchased land, cleared, paid wetland credits and built a state-of-the-art gym that our community uses for many purposes. Our board has operated without any controversies and kept excellent records. I have invested countless volunteer hours to accomplish this without ever collecting any compensation other than a thank you. I have completed the Annual disclosure each year and the contents of the form have been the same every year. This is because my wife is retiring next year after 20 years with the St. Tammany School Board and I have worked for Bisso Towboat Co., Inc. since 1978 and look forward to working at least five more years. Any disclosure statement would have the same information. I have raised four successful young men that all played ball and used the park along with everyone else.

I feel blessed to live in and contribute to a great community like Abita Springs and am offended to have my integrity questioned for not completing a form. I have volunteered a significant amount of my time to the Rec Board over the past 10 years and as a citizen/coach 10 years before that, to be levied a fine in connection with the same is unacceptable. My 2016 Ethics Training Certificate (completed on December 14, 2016) is enclosed. The best I can figure is that I thought I completed the disclosure statement when I completed the Ethics Training.

Please reconsider this fine levied against a volunteer serving on a local recreation board. Upon further review I completed Ethics training in 2016 (see certificate) and I wrongly assumed it covered the disclosure. I have never asked for or received any compensation except to know I serve my fellow citizens in the St. Tammany Recreation District 11. Being penalized for my volunteer work is unacceptable and will discourage me and others from volunteering in the future.

If necessary, I will attend in person at your next meeting to resolve this issue and would be grateful if you could please provide additional steps (if any) I need to take to resolve this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jonathan Owen Davis SR.

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504-400-0110

July 27, 2020

Re: Suspending a portion of fine levied for failure to submit 2016 Financial Disclosure Statement

Jonathan Owen Davis Sr.  
222364 Level St.  
Abita Springs, La. 70420

La. Board of Ethics  
PO Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Dear Ms. Tracy Barker,

Please accept this letter as a request for an appeal of the finding by the Ethics Board meeting at its August 2019 meeting that I failed to complete Tier 2 Disclosure Statement for 2016.

I'd like to start with an explanation describing my service on the St. Tammany Recreation District 11. I was asked to serve on the Rec Board when a board member moved out of the district and I had been involved with the park since the days when it was completely volunteer operation run by the Abita Recreation Committee. At that time no public funds were used except the use of Town of Abita Springs property.

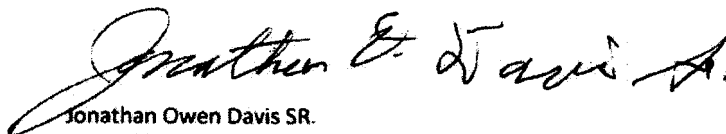
Since joining the board Rec Dist. 11 has purchased land, cleared, paid wetland credits and built a state of the art gym that our community uses for many purposes. All this time I've never collected a paycheck or any compensation other than a thank you. I've completed the Annual disclosure each year and its been the same every year as my wife is retiring next year with St. Tammany School Board 20 years and I've worked for Bisso Towboat Co., Inc. since 1978 and look forward to at least 5 more years. I've raised 4 young men that all played ball and used the park. Jonathan Davis Jr. 35 is a teacher in Phoenix Ar., Adam Davis 32 Lawyer NOLA, Geoffrey Davis 32 Master of Offshore Supply Vessel and Dylan Davis 24 is a Mate on harbor tugs on the Mississippi River all very successful young men.

I feel blessed to live in and contribute to a great community like Abita Springs and am offended to have my integrity questioned for not completing a form. Furthermore I've attached a copy of my 2016 Disclosure Certificate completed December 14, 2016.

Please reconsider this fine levied against a volunteer serving on a local recreation board. Reducing it by less than 1/3 for a crime that didn't occur is offensive. I've never asked for or received any compensation or FAVORS except to know I serve my fellow citizens in the St. Tammany Recreation District 11.

If necessary I will attend in person your next meeting and in the meantime would welcome any contact via email or phone.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Owen Davis SR.  
222364 Level St.  
Abita Springs, La. 70420

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# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
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**DATE: 9/18/2020**

**DOCKET #:**

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr.  
Address: 22364 Level Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420  
Office/Position: St. Tammany Recreation District / District 11  
Dates of Service: 2014-2019  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 12

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018  
Report ID: PFD20009620  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
NOD Received: 1/17/2020 - Unable to Determine  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/29/2020  
PFD/Answer Filed: 7/28/2020

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 181  
Total days late from initial due date: 440  
Late Fee Order Received: 9/5/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/25/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 9/4/2020

## COMMENTS:

Jonathan O. Davis is requesting a Waiver Request for the late filing of his 2018 Annual PFD. Mr. Davis stated that he submitted a Reconsideration for his 2016 Annual PFD, so when this came up again, he looked back to figure out how the late filings were happening. He discovered that there were 2 annual disclosures he was required to complete. He recalled completing the Annual Ethics Online Training, but failed to remember the Annual PFD was also due annually. Mr. Davis stated "ignorance is no excuse" but he thought he completed the annual requirements. Mr. Davis stated his "service on the board has been limited to keeping up with current issues dealing with the Recreation District's business and not his own with the State of Louisiana". He assumed that if he needed to complete anything for the BOE, that it would be on the Recreation District Agenda and since there were never an agenda item regarding outstanding filings, he never thought about it. Mr. Davis stated when he received his certified Late Fee Assessment, "that a \$1500 fine was out of line" for a volunteer board position. He finds it difficult to keep up with the required Ethics Reporting without any notice until it's too late. He agrees we need to document ethics training for board members, but the State needs a notification process prior to assessing fines. He stated he does not have any conflicts of interest and has raised 4 sons that have played at the park. He tries to give back to his community when he can. Mr. Davis is asking for forgiveness of all fines to this point and ask the BOE to put him "on probation for a period of time" for which he promises to complete his 2020 training and file his annual disclosure timely.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes. 2016 \$1050
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: Yes. 2016 Suspended

### Portion of \$450

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

September 8, 2020

Re: Tier 2.1 Annual Financial Disclosure Statement 2018

Jonathan Owen Davis Sr.  
222364 Level St.  
Abita Springs, La. 70420

La. Board of Ethics  
PO Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Dear Ms. Donna Bourgeois,

Please accept this letter as a request for an appeal of the finding by the Ethics Board to levy a fine of \$1500 for failing to complete Tier 2 Disclosure Statement for 2018 in a timely manner.

Attached is a copy of my appeal for failing to complete my 2016 disclosure statement, describing my service on the Recreation District 11 board. When this came up again I looked back and tried to figure out how this happened and discovered there are two annual required issues to complete. I remembered completing my continuous training on line but failed to realize the disclosure statement was required annually also. Ignorance is no excuse but I thought I'd done what was necessary since I'd completed my annual training. My service on the board has been limited to keeping up with current issues dealing with the Rec District's business; not my own with the State of La. I've always assumed if I needed to do something regarding Ethics training or filing disclosure statements it would be on the agenda at our regular meetings and since it didn't come up I never thought about it. I couldn't believe the certified letter when it arrived that I'd not been following the rules since 2016 and surely you would agree a \$1500 fine was out of line when you all saw I served on a volunteer board.

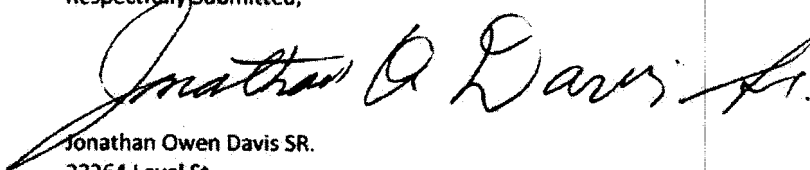
Well I had to believe it and sat down and wrote an appeal to attend your next meeting and make a case for cancelling the fine. Then this week I get another letter that I failed to file a disclosure statement for 2018 and 2019 which I did and 2018 was late and I got another certified letter asking for another \$1500.

I find it difficult to keep up with the required ethics reporting without any notice until it's too late. The first contact is assessing a fine. I agree we need to document ethics training for board members but the State needs a notification process to precede fines.

I'm asking for forgiveness of all fines to this point and put me on probation for a period of time in which I promise to complete my 2020 training and file my disclosure statements starting now. I don't have any conflicts except my wife is a paraprofessional at Fontainebleau Junior High School serving in Student Services. We've raised 4 sons playing in Public Recreation and attending Public Schools and try to give back when we can.

If necessary I will attend in person your next meeting and in the meantime would welcome any contact via email or phone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr.  
22364 Level Street  
Abita Springs, LA 70420



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